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# Coën

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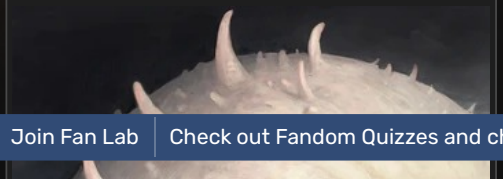

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of the Griffin,[1] originally hailing from Poviss and active during the 13th century.

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| Basic Information | |
|---|---|
| Status | Deceased (stabbed during the Battle of Brenna) |
| Nationality | |
| **Physical Information** | |
| Hair color | Black |
| Eye color | Yellow-green and bloodshot |
| Race | Human (Witcher) |
| Gender | Male |
| **Personal Information** | |
| Profession | Witcher |
| Affiliation(s) | School of the Griffin[1] |
| Abilities | Superhuman abilities<br>Swordsmanship<br>Alchemy<br>Signs |
| **Appearance(s)** | |

## Quick Answers

- What school of witchers did Coën belong to?
- What childhood illness left scars on Coën?
- Who was Coën's favorite instructor during his witcher training?
- What is the significance of Coën's beard in the Witcher series?
- How does Coën's early life differ from most witchers?

# Biography

## Early Life

Coën bore scars from early childhood illnesses, such as chickenpox, which he later concealed with a beard. Since witchers are immune to such diseases, this suggests Coën either contracted the illness unusually early or began his witcher training later than most.[2] He developed a particular fondness for one of his instructors, 'Old' Keldar, who taught monster knowledge at the school.[3]

## Kaer Morhen

In 1265, Coën spent his first winter at Kaer Morhen, the fortress of the School of the Wolf, where Ciri was also in residence. Alongside Geralt, Lambert, and Eskel, Coën helped train Ciri in swordsmanship. During one of these sessions, Ciri entered a trance and foresaw the deaths of both Geralt and Coën. Concerned, Geralt called for the sorceress Triss Merigold, who introduced

herself to Coën upon arrival. When not training or spending time with Ciri, Coën helped tend to the stables and horses.[2]

### Death

In 1268, Coën fought in the Second Northern War and met his end at the Battle of Brenna, fulfilling Ciri's vision. He was mortally wounded when a pitchfork or two-pronged guisarme pierced his heart, rupturing his aorta. Despite the injury, he survived long enough to be brought to the care of Milo Vanderbeck, a halfling field surgeon known as "Rusty."[4]

The following is considered game canon only and may contradict Andrzej Sapkowski's works.

Shani assisted Rusty in his final moments, but despite their efforts, Coën succumbed to his injuries.[5] The Gardener was also present at Coën's death and had promised to pass on Coën's sword to another witcher. However, after some time of searching for one, the Gardener eventually lost the sword during a poker game.

End of game canon content.

## Notes

- In *The Witcher*, the gardener at St. Lebioda's Hospital relates a story about a silver sword belonging to Coën. Shani also fills in some details about him when Geralt asks her about the sword.

## References


1. ↑ 1.0 1.1 *Szpony i kły*
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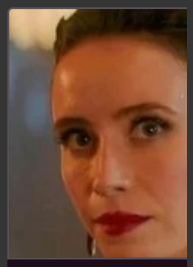

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